



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8741

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Appln. No.: 09/589,037

Group Art Unit: 3639

Confirmation No.: 9664

Examiner: Thomas A. DIXON

Filed: June 6, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING
GENERICALLY IDENTIFIED ITEMS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the
Office Action dated April 12, 2005, Applicant submits the following comments:

REMARKS

Applicant notes that the Examiner's particular comments regarding the reasons for
allowance loosely paraphrase claims 1 and 12, and therefore do not accurately restate the
claimed invention.

Applicant further submits that the scope of the claims should be governed by the actual
claim language and not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINERS REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

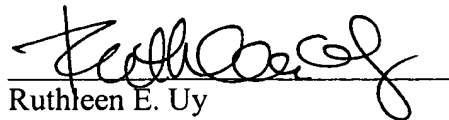
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Further, Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of the claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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